



Urban League of
Greater New Orleans

*Empowering Communities.
Changing Lives.*

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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

WT 11-65: In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

For over seventy years, the Urban League of Greater New Orleans (ULGNO) has focused on empowering the community and changing lives through a myriad of services to the greater New Orleans region. Extended after school programs, employment and training, financial literacy, and entrepreneurship development are just a sample of the programs and services offered. ULGNO employs a three-prong strategy focused in the following areas: youth & education, community & economic development, and policy & social justice.

The National Urban League is a historic civil rights organization dedicated to economic empowerment in order to elevate the standard of living in historically underserved urban communities. Founded in 1910 and headquartered in New York City, the National Urban League spearheads the efforts of its local affiliates through the development of programs, public policy research and advocacy. Our national organization provides services that impact and improve the lives of more than 2 million people nationwide.

We firmly believe that the greater New Orleans area we serve would greatly benefit by added broadband connectivity. Studies show that the underserved, urban communities with the greatest access to broadband Internet see the strongest economic growth. With high-speed Internet, residents can more easily access important resources online, from educational resources for schools to job opportunities for those who are out of work or seeking to update their skills. High-speed Internet enables greater connectivity between all stakeholders, more able to respond effectively and efficiently to the needs of our city.

For these reasons we support the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile – and encourage you to support it, too.

Sincerely,

Nolan V. Rollins
President & CEO
Urban League of Greater New Orleans

CC: Chairman Julius Genachowski Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Michael Copps Commissioner Mignon Clyburn